

2002 Wildlife Rehabilitator Survey Results

In order to better evaluate the impact of WNV on the avian population in the state, last fall (2002) the DNR mailed a survey to wildlife rehabilitators in Michigan. The survey requested them to report the species and number of individuals in those species that they cared for in 2002 that exhibited central nervous system (CNS) problems indicative of WNV. They were also asked to include any affected squirrels in their reports.

Reports were received from 20 rehabilitators who listed birds/mammals with CNS problems; and 14 rehabilitators replied back that they had seen no birds/mammals with CNS problems. The DNR would like to thank those of you who participated.

This year, the DNR is requesting that the wildlife rehabilitators make these reports on this website's bird/mammal disease reporting form.

The results of the 2002 Rehabilitators Survey:

Allegan County

2 great horned owls, 1 American crow, 1 red-tailed hawk, 1 eastern screech owl

Berrien County

2 rock doves, 1 red-tailed hawk, 1 sharp-shinned hawk

Benzie County

1 pileated woodpecker, 1 ring-billed gull, 2 double-crested cormorants, 1 mallard

Branch County

1 great horned owl

Calhoun County

2 American kestrels, 1 American crow, 1 Cooper's hawk

Cass County

1 red-tailed hawk, 3 great horned owls, 1 American kestrel

Dickinson County

2 rock doves, 1 red-tailed hawk, 1 sharp-shinned hawk

Genesee County (see also Shiawassee/Genesee)

6 eastern fox squirrels

Grand Traverse County

2 American crows, 1 blue jay, 2 ring-billed gulls, 1 red-winged blackbird, 1 American robin

Hillsdale County

1 great horned owl, 2 ground squirrels, 3 eastern grey squirrels, 4 red-tailed hawks, 2 American woodcock

Jackson County

2 great horned owls, 1 sharp-shinned hawk

Kalamazoo County

5 red-tailed hawks, 15 great horned owls, 1 great blue heron, 2 eastern fox squirrels, 2 cedar waxwings, 3 American crows, 2 mourning doves, 1 chipping sparrow, 2 Cooper's hawks, 1 house sparrow, 1 American robin, 1 blue jay, 1 house finch

Kent County

1 red-tailed hawk

Lenawee County

9 great horned owls, 2 red-tailed hawks, 1 Cooper's hawk

Livingston County

1 red-tailed hawk, 1 grebe, 1 sparrow, 1 hawk, 1 great horned owl, 1 mallard, 1 house finch

Montcalm County

2 red-tailed hawks, 2 Cooper's hawks

Muskegon County

18 red-tailed hawks, 9 great horned owls, 7 Cooper's hawks, 1 sharp-shinned hawk, 2 American kestrels, 1 broadwinged hawk, 1 American crow

Ottawa County

12 red-tailed hawks, 5 great horned owls

Presque Isle County

1 sharp-shinned hawk

St. Joseph County

1 cedar waxwing, 3 red-tailed hawks, 2 great horned owls

Shiawassee/Genesee Counties

6 great horned owls, 1 gull, 1 blue jay, 3 red-tailed hawks

Van Buren County

6 red-tailed hawks, 3 great horned owls, 1 Cooper's hawk

Washtenaw County

4 great horned owls, 3 red-tailed hawks, 1 Cooper's hawk, 2 blue jays, 2 American crows, 1 starling, 1 striped skunk

Wayne County

1 raccoon, 2 eastern black/grey squirrels, 15 eastern fox squirrels, 4 red-tailed hawks, 1 ring-billed gull, 8 blue jays, 4 house finch, 1 common grackle, 1 American crow, 3 sparrows